and the period for which rent was paid for the unused premises;

(c) whether any inquiry into the matter has been conducted by Government; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Air India had leased premises at Scindia House which are not in use since October, 1991 when the building was sealed by the municipal authorities for violation of building rules. Rent for the period October, 1991 to June, 1992 is under dispute and the case is pending before Delhi High Court. Rent amounting to Rs. 48,11,908 pertaining to the period July, 1992—August, 1993 has been paid and subsequent rents have not been paid.

Indian Airlines has been paying rent at the rate of Rs. 2.66 lakhs per month for the premises in Kanchanjunga Building even though these premises have-not been in use since June, 1992 following a fire in the building.

(c) and (d) Air India management has constituted a Committee to look into all aspects and recommend action towards the Scindia House premises. Indian Airlines is working out the modalities of vacating the Kanchanjunga premises. In view of these, a separate inquiry by Government, is not considered necessary.

Newspapers for IA passengers

366. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of newspapers in different languages bought by the Indian Airlines for the convenience of passengers; and

(b) the number of copies of each such news paper being purchased?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The details of the newspapers, and the number of copies bought, are given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

List of Newspapers placed on Board Indian airlines flights

Sl. No.	Name of Newspaper	No. of copies per day
1	Indian Express	1185
2	The Times of India	931
3	The Hindu	884
4	The Economic Times	431
5	Financial Express	256
6	The Statesman	337
7	The Hindustan Times	150
8	The Pioneer	100
9	The Independent	30
10	The Telegraph	215
11	The Observer of Business & Politics	80
12	Business Standard	75
13	Hundu—Business Line	211
14	Patriot	90
15	The Asian Age	200
16	National Herald	65
17	The Tribune	15
18	Free Press Journal	86
19	Sunday Mail (English) (Only on Sunday)	87
20	Evening News	485
21	Observer	132
22	Daily	137
23	Deccan Herald	90

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24	News Today (Evening)	752
25	News Time (English)	102
26	Deccan Chronical (English)	113
27	Sentinal (English)	70
28	Assam Tribune (English)	70
29	Evening Brief (Evening)	275
30	Metropolise	40
31	Afternoon Despatch	717
32	Mid-Day (Evening)	717
33	Sunday Mail (Hindi) (Only on Sunday)	100
34	Hindustan (Hindi)	215
35	Navbharat Times (Hindi)	995
36	Punjab Kesari (Hindi)	145
37	Jansatta (Hindi)	225
38	Dainik Jagran (Hindi)	145
39	Sandhya Times (Hindi—Evening)	955
40	Dopahar (Hindi)—Evening	80
41	Vishwamitra (Hindi)	122
42	Sanmarg (Hindi)	122
43	Sentinal (Hindi)	70
44	Daily Milap (Urdu)	73
45	Qaumi Awaj (Urdu)	73
46	Siasat (Urdu)	30
47	Bombay Samachar	150
48	Parvasi (Gujarati)	133
49	Maharashtra Times (Marathi)	223
50	Kala Kaumidi (Marathi)	210
51	Loksatta (Marathi)	227
52	Mathrubhoomi (Malayalam)	176
53	Malayala Manorama (Malayalam)	176
54	Kerala Kaumider (Malaylam)	176
55	Express (Malayalam)	100
56	Malayalam Papers (Trivandrum only)	31
57	Anand Bazar (Bengali)	124
58	Ganashakti (Bengali)	33
59	Aajkal (Bengali)	121
60	Bartman (Bengali)	79
61	Sandhya Aajkal (Bengali)	275
62	Prajavani (Kannada)	50
63	Udhyavani (Kannada)	21
64	Kannada Prabha (Kannada)	21
65	Malai Malar (Evening Tamil)	50
66	Dinamani (Tamil)	114
67	Daily Thanthi (Tamil)	172
68	Dinamalar (Tamil)	94
69	Makkal Kural (Tamil)	85
70	Andhra Prabha (Telugu)	41
71	Andhra Jyoti (Telugu)	25
72	Eanadu (Telugu)	32
73	Dainik Assam (Assamese)	20

Westland Helicopters bought by Government

367. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government bought dozens of Westland-30 helicopters which have been found dangerous and which, therefore, have been rotting away;

(b) the cost of purchase and maintenance of these Copter;

(c) who was responsible for this dubious deal;

(d) the action taken against the persons and agencies concerned; and

(e) what decision Government have taken in respect of these Copters?